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Higher CIA Post Is Given To R. M. Helms

By the Associated Press

Richard M. Helms has been promoted to deputy director for plans of the Central Intelligence Agency to succeed Richard M. Bissell, Jr., a CIA spokesman said last night.

Mr. Helms, 47, has been with the CIA since it was formed in 1949 and his most recent position was assistant to Mr. Bissell.

Mr. Bissell reportedly is leaving to take a non-Government job.

Mr. Helms is a native of St. Davids, Pa., and studied in Switzerland and Germany. He formerly was a foreign correspondent for United Press and attained the rank of lieutenant commander in the Navy during World War II.

Mr. Bissell, 52, is a native of Hartford, Conn., and formerly taught economics at Yale. He has held several Government positions, including the job of executive secretary to president Truman's Commission on Foreign Aid.

Still remaining to be filled is the job of deputy director, the No. 2 position which became vacant when Air Force Gen. C. P. Cabell resigned last December 29. Appointment to this job requires a presidential nomination and confirmation by the Senate.

The CIA is headed by John A. McCone, appointed by president Kennedy to succeed Allen W. Dulles.